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Spalding, W. A.

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Completion Fluids

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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 10, 14, 17, and 77-81, without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A demulsifier composition to prevent or resolve downhole emulsions in aqueous solutions, said demulsifier composition comprising:

a demulsifying amount of an ionic surfactant effective to perform a function selected from the group consisting of demulsifying an emulsion in an aqueous solution and preventing formation of an emulsion in an aqueous solution;

a first solubilizing quantity of a non-ionic surfactant effective to solubilize said demulsifier in said aqueous solution, said non-ionic surfactant comprising an alkoxylated compound having the following general formula:

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